(e) the details of extent of funding that will be given to the State to implement this Advisory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

(d) Diversification of crops is taken up under wells/pore wells areas in place of paddy to crops like maize, jowar, pulses, groundnut and sesamum.

(e) Question does not arise.

**Crop diversification project of Maharashtra**

3354. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI VIJAYJ. DARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted a crop diversification project, in view of droughts and crop failures, year after year for 3-4 consecutive years, and the distress sales and suicides resorted to by farmers;

(b) if so, the salient features of the crop diversification plan; and

(c) the Central Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir. The Governent of Maharashtra has not submitted proposal on crop diversification to Ministry of Agriculture.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

**Irrigated area under drip and sprinkler system**

3355. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate total irrigated area under drip and sprinkler system and the steps being taken to increase it;